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**Danville Man in Suit for \$80,000,000.**

The fact is not generally known here that there lives in Danville the chief claimant in a suit about to be instituted against the city of Wilmington, Delaware, to recover to heirs of Charles Springer over 1800 acres of leased land upon which the major part of the city of Wilmington is built. The value of the land is estimated at about \$80,000,000.

The fortunate individual in question is our townsman, Jacob Aten, the great grandson of Charles Christopher Springer, the original owner of the tract.

The land was leased to the city of Wilmington about 125 years ago, in three leases, the last of which ran out in 1895 or thereabout, which should have thrown the land directly back to the heirs.

The amount involved, however, was so great and the questions involved so weighty that many thousands of dollars have been expended and much work undertaken in preparation for the suit. Now everything is in readiness and it remains only to finish up the minor details before the suit will be begun.

Mr. Aten bases his claim on the fact that through his mother, a daughter of John Springer, who was a grandson of the original Charles, he is the great, great grandson of Charles and the oldest surviving descendant, and chief heir to the legacy.

Mr. Aten has in his possession all the documents necessary to prove the line of direct descent and on which is based the entire suit. They include among other things, the family bible of Conrad Springer the son of Charles as well as a genealogy of the house of Springer dating back to Carl of Sweden who lived several generations prior to the birth of Charles.

The fight has been in progress about 30 years. Two organizations have been formed embracing in one or the other all the claimants of the estate, the western organization with headquarters at Cleveland, Ohio, and the eastern organization with headquarters in this city. Money has been contributed from time to time, so that at present the organization has ample means in its treasury to meet all expenses.

A significant fact in connection with the claim, is that the city of Wilmington has virtually recognized the claim that it stands on leased ground, by refusing to sell a foot of the land in question at any time within the last hundred years, every so called property holder on the tract really being a lessee of the city.

The majority of the near heirs reside in Montour county. Conrad, the son of Charles, lies buried at Strawberry Ridge and his children with two exceptions all settled within a radius of twelve miles of this city.—Danville News.

**Examinations for Certificates.**

Sixteen persons took the examination for provisional certificates at the High School building on Monday before County Superintendent W. W. Evans. This is one of the largest classes to take the examination this year, although so far the county superintendent has examined 145 young men and women from all over the county for provisional certificates. The next examination will be held in the High School in this town on Monday, July 20.

**Albra W. Baker, M. D.,**  
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**The Democratic Campaign Fund.**

When Mr. Bryan proposed to Mr. Taft that they unite in a request to Congress to pass the bill providing for publicity in campaign contributions Mr. Taft replied that he had already expressed to Senator Burrows his wish to see that bill passed. Personally, that was enough; the Republican candidate stands with the Democratic candidate. But Mr. Bryan's convictions on the subject of political finance are already being put into practice, and we see no indication that the Republican committee intends to pay any attention to Mr. Taft's convictions. Treasurer Sheldon says he will obey the law of New York, but that does not call for a disclosure of the amounts and the identity of contributors till three weeks after the election.

Publicity, however, is not the only thing that is needed to prevent the sale of political organizations to parties that have an interest in legislation. It is important that corporations shall not contribute at all, for the corporation in such a case is simply its president or some of its officers who have no right to apply the corporate funds to other purposes than the business of the corporation. It is also important that no individual shall contribute so large a sum as to have a claim for special consideration upon the party managers. It often happens that the candidate does not know of the financial claim of the seeker for an office or a legislative favor, but the chairman or treasurer of the committee sees that the big contributor gets what he wants.

The Democratic National Committee has taken a more advanced position on these points than any other political committee in our history, and a more advanced position than Mr. Taft assumed in his reply to Mr. Bryan. The committee will accept no contributions from corporations, and no contribution of more than \$10,000 from any source. All gifts of over \$100 will be made public October 15, and thereafter as fast as they are made; and no money will be received after November 1.

The Democratic party will go into the election absolutely unorganized. Does any one suppose that the Republican party will do the same?—Ev.

For headache Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills.

**A Noise Like a Fish.**

The Cleveland, Ohio Leader of recent date contained the following: There is a man at the Opera House with the Howe show who can "make a noise like a fish." He is paid for doing so, too. This man is D. J. Tasker, one of a trio of stars who do not let themselves be seen. The moving pictures alone have the limelight, while the actors remain behind the curtain and produce the sounds which add realism to the views. The other two stars are F. C. Morgan and Jack Carleton.

Each is a student of different noise making. Mr. Morgan studies all wild and domestic animals. He can bark like the different breeds of dogs, cry like a cat, roar like a lion, bleat like sheep and imitate calls of other quadrupeds. Bird imitations is the study of Mr. Tasker, who gives the natural vociferation of the feathered families. Besides his whistling ability he has mastered the art of duplicating the different sounds of water—the steady waves and splashing.

Nobody is allowed near these imitators to see how they make so many sounds, but Mr. Tasker admits that all his water imitations are done by different combinations of sand paper all of his own invention and manufacture. The other member, Mr. Carleton, does the villain's work, and whenever things are being demolished he is the star. When not crumbling houses or breaking furniture he operates the different bells and gongs used in the performance.

These performers have regular rehearsals in getting acquainted with the conversation and imitations to be used for new films.

**Wenner and Beishline Reunion.**

The committee on time and place for holding the above reunion reported to me that the time and place selected for the occasion is Saturday, August 1st, and White-night's Grove at Zaner Station, being the 4th annual Wenner reunion, with the addition of the Beishline descendants.

An interesting program will be arranged, and the addresses will be limited to five minute speeches, except the addresses of welcome and response, which will be limited to ten minutes each. All recitations should be short and pithy. The exercises will be interspersed with music. We hereby extend an invitation to all who may feel an interest in these reunions, whether they be relatives, friends, or neighbors. Come one and all and have a good time. By order of Committee.

JOHN C. WENNER,  
Pres. of Association,  
A. U. Leshar, Benton, Pa.  
F. E. Wenner, Committee.  
Wm. Kindig,

Mrs. Elijah Shutt is seriously ill. She is in her 92nd year.

C. S. Fornwald is spending a few days at Gettysburg.

Miss Ella Watson, now residing in Elizabeth, N. J., is visiting in Bloomsburg.

Dr. Waller and his two daughters and son arrived safely in England on schedule time.

A. J. Emmett has sufficiently recovered from his recent injury by falling off a wagon, to be removed to his home in Hemlock township.

Leoni Melick, Esq., of Philadelphia, visited his brother P. W. Melick in Light Street over Sunday. He spent Monday calling on friends in Bloomsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Schoch, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McKelvey and daughter Margaret are taking an automobile trip which will include Gettysburg and other points.

The last issue of the Normal Quarterly contains 32 pages, including a full account of all the events of commencement week, and much interesting information about the Alumni. It is issued by the school four times a year. Prof. Dennis is the editor-in-chief.

Concerts were given last Sunday afternoon by both of the bands of town. The Citizens' Band rendered a fine program at Columbia Park, and the Bloomsburg Band was engaged at Paules' grove, this side of Danville. Both concerts were well attended.

Charles W. Sterling, who has been manager of the grocery department of F. P. Pursel's store, has accepted a position as manager of a store at Millinburg. He has had long experience in the business and is thoroughly competent. He and his family have many friends here who will be sorry to have them leave town.

D. J. Tasker has signed with Lyman H. Howe for another year, at an increased salary. He is now the senior manager for Howe, and has charge of the best one of five outfits that Howe has on the road, visiting only the cities and large towns.

Mr. Tasker went to Pittsburg on Tuesday for a few days.

The valuable and instructive series of articles on Commercial Law, published for some months in the Philadelphia Sunday Record, and which recently terminated, will be published in book form by the author. Any person desiring this valuable educator should communicate with Utey E. Crane, The Commonwealth Building, Philadelphia.

Angered by the action of the Lewisburg Borough Council in placing a tax of \$30 per mile on its mains laid in the streets, the Lewisburg Gas Company has raised the price of fuel gas 25 per cent. The company states that this raise is made necessary "by the extra expense imposed on the Lewisburg Gas Company." The increase took effect July 1.

Mrs. Carola Kitchen Ferguson died at her home last Friday at Denver, Colorado, aged about 30 years. She was the daughter of Mrs. D. W. Kitchen of this town. Her mother and brother recently went to Denver and reached there a short time before her death. Mrs. Ferguson had many friends here who learned of her early demise with regret.

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D. J. WALLER, JR.,  
Principal.

**NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED.**

The Eighth street mission has been organized as the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, twenty-one persons enrolling as members. H. G. Trumbar of Reading, presiding elder, was present, and preached an able sermon. Mrs. Bessie Larkin of Philadelphia is in charge for the present.

**GONE TO CAMP.**

W. K. Beagle, Bruce Hartzel, William Fry, Clarence O'Blosser, Ray Reifeldeifer, Henry Shoemaker and Lewis Titel, all of Bloomsburg, and members of Co. F, 12th Regiment, National Guards of Pennsylvania, have gone to Gettysburg for the annual encampment.

Souvenir Post Cards are printed at this office. Half tones supplied.

**Electrocution for Dogs.**

Among other towns in Pennsylvania that have put the ban on muzzleless dogs is Hazleton, and it has remained for an electrician of that place to advance probably the best method for dispatching dogs that fall into the hands of the officers.

This electrician agrees to electrocute the dogs and to do the job with neatness and dispatch. The method will be easy. All that is required is to attach a wire, connected with a battery, with a cage in which the dog is confined, complete the circuit and the dog is dead.

**INSTRUCTION IN MUSIC.**

Chas. P. Elwell announces that he will be pleased to receive all former pupils on violin and piano-forte, as well as new ones. No beginners taken, and no evening lessons, owing to band and orchestra work. Latest and best methods. Terms strictly cash by the lesson or month. Address Hotel Hilday, Bloomsburg, or call up on Bell 'phone any afternoon between 1 and 2.

"Dreamland" is no more. Last Saturday night was its last performance, though this fact was not announced. Financial difficulties are said to be the cause of its demise. That there were too many of these shows in town is a self-evident proposition.

**EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.**

Estate of Henry James Clark, late of the Town of Bloomsburg, Decedent.  
Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Henry James Clark, late of the Town of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased, have been granted to H. B. Clark, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.  
H. B. CLARK,  
7-2-6t. Executor.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**

Estate of Daniel J. Sullivan, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., Decedent.  
Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Daniel J. Sullivan, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to  
JOSEPH R. MURPHY,  
John G. Harman, Administrator,  
6-25-6t. Att'y. Bloomsburg, Pa.

**IN RE, ESTATE OF KATE J. POPE, DECEASED.**

Notice to Creditors, Legatees and all Parties Interested.  
Take notice that W. C. Johnston, Executor of the will of the said testatrix, has presented his petition to the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, praying for a construction thereof and an adjudication of the alleged intestacy of the decedent as to the balance of her estate in Lenawee County, State of Michigan, and that said Court has fixed Monday, August 3, 1908, at the Court House at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, as the time and place of hearing the said petition, when all parties interested may appear and be heard.

W. C. JOHNSTON,  
7-9-2t. Executor.

**Phone Train Dispatching.**

Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Will Adopt Plan on All Branches.

Within a few months at least the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway company, will adopt the telephone system of train running on the local branch as well as on all divisions of the road. This will greatly economize the cost and will also circumvent the eight hour telegraphers' law.

The following telegram sent out from the office of William H. Truesdale, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western explains the plans of his company in adopting this latest improvement, which will throw a great many operators out of work:

New York, July 12.—The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad will initiate a new train-dispatching system within the next thirty days, using telephones to direct the movements of trains instead of the telegraph system now in vogue. Division superintendent Edward M. Rine has had a miniature telephone system set up in his office, and in the last few days it has been inspected by the officials of several other railroads. It is probable that the system will be adopted by some of them.

Officials of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western said that the system had been adopted by the road because it would facilitate the moving of trains, and also be a means of economy, the eight hour law for telegraph operators having put all railroads to additional expense.

The work of installing the new system is under way, and on some divisions will be adopted within the next month. On others the installation may be delayed for some little time, but the work will be hurried on all divisions.

Work is now progressing on the last span of the Millinville bridge. By the end of this month it will probably be in shape to be crossed on foot.

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"Accept a grateful man's thanks for his restoration to perfect health."

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**Bulletin.**

**TOUR TO YELLOWSTONE PARK AND THE CANADIAN ROCKIES.**

In northwestern Wyoming in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, lies one of nature's richest treasures—the Yellowstone National Park. Set apart by Act of Congress for the enjoyment of mankind, it is America's greatest show ground. To visit this Park is to see nature in a variety of majestic moods. Mammoth hot springs, with multicolored terraces, cliffs of glass, beautiful lakes, mighty falls, glorious canyons, and geysers of all descriptions, are found in this wonderful region.

On August 24 a personally-conducted tour through the Yellowstone Park to Portland and Seattle, returning through the magnificent Canadian Rocky Mountains, will leave the East by special train over the Pennsylvania Railroad. Five and one-half days will be spent in the Park, one day in Portland, one day in Vancouver, one day at Field, B. C., one day at Laggan, Alba., one day at Banff, and stops will be made at many other points of interest. The tour will cover a period of twenty-two days.

As an educational trip for either teacher or scholar, this tour is especially attractive, as it covers a section of America rich in scenery and replete with the marvelous manifestations of nature.

The rates, which will cover all necessary expenses, will be \$246 from New York, \$243.20 from Philadelphia, \$241.20 from Washington and Baltimore, \$230.80 from Pittsburgh, and proportionate from other points.

Preliminary leaflets may be obtained of Agents, and detailed itineraries will be ready for distribution shortly. Persons desiring to avail themselves of this opportunity to visit the Park of the Nation should make application for Pullman space early, as the party will be limited. Make application through local Ticket Agent or address Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

7-16-23.